



SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN

**DELTA CONSERVANCY**

December 13, 2010

Honorable Phil Isenberg, Chair  
Delta Stewardship Council  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Involvement in Delta Plan  
Development Process

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Council Members:

On behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, I wish to congratulate the Delta Stewardship Council on its progress in developing the initial framework of the Delta Plan through the Notice of Preparation and series of white papers that will ultimately become part of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Delta Plan.

Because of the mandated mission and principles of the Delta Conservancy (Public Resources Code Section 32322(a) and (b)) we expect to partner with and work closely together with the Council through the development and implementation phases of the Delta Plan. For its part, the Conservancy will continue to participate in various meetings and other forums related to the Delta Plan process and will review and provide comments on documents such as the draft EIR and draft Delta Plan. These comments will reflect our mandated purpose and objectives and better define our role in the Delta Plan. Based on the posted schedule for developing the draft EIR and draft Delta Plan, we anticipate participating in and providing comments for the January 2011 scoping meeting(s) to assist in the development of these documents.

To better define our role and to more closely coordinate with the Delta Plan and other large Delta planning efforts, the Conservancy has begun developing an interim strategic plan. On November 3, 2010, the Delta Conservancy Strategic Planning Sub-committee was formed to begin, in earnest, the process of developing this interim strategic plan. The sub-committee met on November 15, 2010, and adopted an aggressive schedule for completing an interim strategic plan by January 2011. This timeline was developed to coincide with those of the Delta Plan and other large Delta planning efforts.

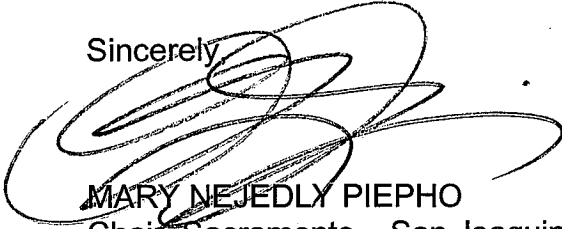
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As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work with you and encourage the Delta Stewardship Council to continue to work closely with local governments and stakeholders on the important issues we currently face.

Sincerely,

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MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO

Chair, Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

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